

## Overview of the Noxious Weeds Department

The Noxious Weeds Department controls and eradicates noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County, as required by state law. Accordingly, the Department provides information to the public on vegetation control based on proven techniques and products. The department also designs and implements an in-depth, integrated vegetation management program on County roadsides and properties.

Noxious Weeds employs 5.5 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) to control noxious weeds and manage the department, a reduction of .5 FTE from 2001. Beginning in 2002, the Director will assume the additional responsibility of managing the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Personnel and benefits is the largest department expense. Chemicals needed to treat noxious weeds represent 29% of the budget

The Department is funded through general County revenues. In addition, the Department receives revenue from the sale of chemicals. The Department also receives payments for weed eradication services performed on a contractual basis to private landowners and other units of local and state government. The 2002 budget includes a 3% general salary increase for County Employees.

### Expenditure Summary

Category	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2002 Adopted	% Change 01-02
Personnel & Benefits	251,163	282,311	225,298	-20.2%
Contractual Services	15,233	17,550	17,725	1.0%
Commodities	142,830	146,475	151,550	3.5%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay	-	25,000	24,000	-4.0%
Interfund Transfers	65,701	64,633	71,875	11.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>474,927</b>	<b>535,969</b>	<b>490,448</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>
Grant Revenue	-	-	-	
Fee Revenue	9,420	11,500	12,000	4.3%
General County Revenue	465,507	524,469	478,448	-8.8%

### 2002 Performance Measurement Summary

Performance Measure	2000 Actual	2001 Estimated	2002 Projected
Responses to citizen inquiry complete in two working days	100%	100%	100%
Noxious Weeds-Infested acres treated (County property and Right of Way (ROW).	352	352	352
Noxious Weeds-Acres infested (County Property & ROW)	352	352	352
Sericea Lespedeza-CRP acres reported to be infested	240	300	425
Sericea Lespedeza-CRP reported infested acres treated	130	300	425
Sericea Lespedeza-Percentage of all infested acres treated	63%	80%	85%
Staff with commercial pesticide applicator certificate	100%	100%	100%
Pesticide applicators able to correctly identify ten perennial grasses and 15 common pasture weeds.	80%	100%	100%
Number of contacts with citizens made	43,000	44,000	45,000

## Noxious Weeds Department



### Mission

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### Goals:

- ✍ To provide prompt service
- ✍ All personnel will maintain a commercial pesticide applicator certificate through the Kansas Department of Agriculture.
- ✍ The pesticide applicators will be able identify ten perennial grass species native to Kansas and all common pasture weeds.
- ✍ To increase public awareness of noxious weeds.
- ✍ Will control with the goal of eradication, all Sericea lespedeza in Sedgwick County.
- ✍ Fully treat all noxious weed infestations on all county properties and rights of way.

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### 2002 Priorities:

- ✍ Youth Services
- ✍ Process Improvement & Collaboration
- ✍ Demographics
- ✍ Economic Development
- ✍ Quality of Life

**Noxious Weeds Staffing Detail**

Classification	Range	2001 FTE	2002 FTE	Adopted Budget
Noxious Weed Director	25	1	0.5	31,245
Senior Herbicide Applicator	21	1	1	37,494
Fiscal Associate	16	1	1	29,827
Herbicide Applicator	16	3	3	82,526
Direct Employee Totals		6	5.5	181,092
Longevity				2,970
Overtime				-
Part-time/Temporary				-
Total Benefits				48,842
Workers Compensation				-
Budgeted Savings				-7,606
Total County-Funded Personnel Cost				225,298
Non-County Funded Personnel Cost				-

**Noxious Weeds Special Revenue Fund Summary**

	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2002 Adopted	% Change 01-02
Summary of Revenue				
Taxes	394,473	414,450	378,390	-8.7%
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	-	
Charges for Services	9,420	11,500	12,000	4.3%
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-	
Reimbursements	71,798	82,000	75,000	-8.5%
Subtotal Current Revenue	475,691	507,950	468,654	-7.7%
Unencumbered Cash	28,019	28,019		-100.0%
Restricted Unencumbered Cash	24,307	28,019	25,058	-10.6%
Prior Year Enc. Cancelled	-	-	-	
General County Revenue	528,017	563,988	490,448	-13.0%

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